



# DCF Central Office Hispanic Heritage Month

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## LYNDA CARTER



**LYNDA CARTER** (born July 24, 1951) is a Mexican-American actress and singer. She is best known for the Amazonian title role in the fantasy-adventure television series *Wonder Woman* which aired from 1975 to 1979.

Carter was born *Linda Jean Córdova Carter* in Phoenix, Arizona. Her father, Colby Carter, is an American of Irish descent, and her mother, Juana Córdova, is a Mexican immigrant. Although Carter does not speak Spanish, she understands it well and is proud of her Mexican heritage. Carter grew up an avid reader of the *Wonder Woman* comic books. She went to Globe High School in Globe, Arizona and Arcadia High School in Phoenix. She attended Arizona State University but after being voted the "most talented" student she dropped out in order to pursue a career in music. She toured as a singer with several rock groups before returning to Arizona in 1972.

After taking acting classes at several New York acting schools, she began making appearances on TV shows such as *Starsky and Hutch*, *Cos*, and *Nakia*. However, Carter's acting career did not take off until she landed her starring role in the *Wonder Woman* television series. Carter's other credits include the title role in a 1983 biopic of Rita Hayworth titled *Love Goddess*, and a variety of her own television specials: *Lynda Carter's Special* (1980), *Encore!* (1980), *Celebration* (1981), *Street Life* (1982) and *Body And Soul* (1984). She also starred in a few short-lived TV series, including, *Partners in Crime*, with Loni Anderson, in 1984, and, *Hawkeye*, with Lee Horsley. During this time she also became a celebrity promotional model for Maybelline cosmetics commercials.

During the late 1970s, she recorded the album, *Portrait*. Lynda also collaborated and made numerous guest appearances on variety television programs in a musical capacity. She also sang two of her songs in the *Wonder Woman* episode, "Amazon Hot Wax." In 2001, Carter was cast in the independent comedy feature, *Super Troopers*, as, "Vermont Governor Jessman." Carter had her first appearance in a major feature film in a number of years in 2005 with the big-screen remake of *The Dukes of Hazzard*. Lynda returned to the DC Comics' television world on the 2007 episode of *Smallville*.

From September 26, 2005, until November of that year, Carter played the role of "Mama Morton," in the West End London production of *Chicago*. Her rendition of "When You're Good to Mama" was officially released on the *Chicago: 10th Anniversary Edition* CD box set in October of 2006. Lynda began touring the US with her one woman show, "An Evening with Lynda Carter". She has played sell-out engagements at prestigious venues such as Feinstein's At Loews Regency in New York, Jazz at Lincoln Center, and The Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. On June 9, 2009 her new cd, "AT LAST" was released and dropped at #6 on The Billboard Chart.

{Source: Wikipedia.org}

***"I want to do everything right now! This very minute.  
I am impatient, but yes I have goals." - Lynda Carter***